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From: Michelle Tabach
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 10:13 AM
To: erclog@hotmail.com
Subject: Correction to "Self-Policing of Extractive Industries a Dismal Failure"

Good afternoon,

I'm writing in regards to your article, "[FINANCE: Self-Policing of Extractive Industries a "Dismal" Failure](#)" that was recently published to Global Geopolitics News and Analysis.

The substantial amount of information included in the article on the EITI validation process is very informative and beneficial. I did, however, want to draw your attention to the statement on Equatorial Guinea that was pulled from the Human Rights Watch, "Equatorial Guinea, despite having signed up to join the initiative in 2008, only hired a firm to carry out its validation review on the eve of the deadline to complete the validation process," as it is slightly misleading. Hart Nurse Limited began its work with Equatorial Guinea February 8 and has been in the country since March 1. This makes sense considering validation is the final step in the process and would occur close to the final deadline. Equatorial Guinea is not negligent in the way the statement describes but rather on track in terms of following the necessary steps. Because of this, I am kindly requesting a correction be made to your article.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am happy to discuss this further if needed. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 683-3119 or mtabach@qorvis.com

Thank you,

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From: Michelle Tabach
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Subject: Clarification on Decisive Moment for Global Transparency Effort

Good afternoon,

I'm writing in regards to your release, "Decisive Moment for Global Transparency Effort - Most Countries Miss Deadline to Demonstrate Openness on Petroleum, Mining Revenues" that crossed the wire early this afternoon.

The substantial amount of information included in the release on the validation process is very informative and beneficial. I did, however, want to draw your attention to the statement on Equatorial Guinea, "Equatorial Guinea, despite having signed up to join the initiative in 2008, only hired a firm to carry out its validation review on the eve of the deadline to complete the validation process," as it is slightly misleading. Hart Nurse Limited began its work with Equatorial Guinea February 8 and has been in the country since March 1. This makes sense considering validation is the final step in the process and would occur close to the final deadline. Equatorial Guinea is not negligent in the way the release describes but rather on track in terms of following the necessary steps.

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